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LOOK OUT--OUTLOOK!

ADA COMES TO WASHINGTON

In this year of conflict on the Korean peninsula, rumblings out of restless Asia, and wild words in the UN who would like to predict what happens next to the U. S. economy, to U. S. agriculture, and all the economic developments that affect both farmers and consumers? If it sounds difficult to look into the future this particular autumn, then behold the task before family economics and the other USDA folks responsible for this year's Outlook Conference.

Planning for Outlook is the consuming task of most of the family economics staff these days, with the conference opening here in Jefferson Auditorium on Oct. 30. As always, the conference is a Joint BHNHE-BAE-Extension effort.

It's attended primarily by State Extension specialists who must have sound economic information as groundwork in guiding farmers and homemakers. If they can go home with a better idea of what's likely to happen to wages and prices, to the food supply and production of durable consumers' goods, to the value of the dollar itself they can give better counsel to thousands of farmers and rural women.

When the meeting of the American Dietetic Association opened in Washington's National Guard Armory Oct. 17, keynote speaker at the first general meeting was Dr. Hazel Stiebeling whose subject was "Food--An International Concern." It's an apt subject for the Bureau chief who has represented the U. S. at some 13 international conferences in Europe and the Americas.

With a business meeting on Oct. 16, the ADA stays in session through Oct. 20 with most meetings at the Armory and the Hotel Statler. A number of BHNHE food and nutrition people are attending. This is ADA's first meeting in the capital city since 1934.

Harriet Wright and Frieda Meyer of food and nutrition and Irene Wolgamott, Sadye Adelson and Callie Mae Coons of the Chief's office each have committee duties in connection with the national meeting here. Dr. Meyer is chairman of the Omicron Nu breakfast.

ADA which had 58 members in 1917 now has 8500. Half of them are hospital dietitians and the others represent education, food service, research, commerce and a sizable number--homemakers.

ADELSON WINS

Sadye Adelson, technical assistant to the chief of the Bureau, was elected BHNHE'S representative to the USDA Welfare Association in a Bureau-wide election Sept. 25.

Miss Adelson, with 55 votes, won out over five other candidates and a sixth whose name was written in on the ballot.

Avis Woolrich of housing and household equipment was runner-up with 39 votes and will serve as alternate to the Association.

REPORT FOR THE HILL

That busy look around the Bureau in September could be traced to a report with a rush tag on it. Popularly called the Pace report because Congressman Stephan Pace is chairman of the Special Subcommittee requesting the report, it is more properly the report on research to the House Committee on Agriculture on research. The Bureau's portion is now completed.

The full report for the Department will be a review of agricultural research, marketing services, and marketing educational work throughout the years. Not only will it cite accomplishments but there is history, outline of current work, and indication of problems yet to be solved.

With report in hand, the Congress should have a handy and succinct reference for making decisions on public spending for future food and agricultural research.

Meanwhile, the Bureau is going to make the work done on the Pace report do double duty. In revised form this report of program will be readied for use by other groups such as project leaders, the AHEA advisory committee to the Bureau.

ANOTHER ORCHID

You remember the magazine Hygea, published by the American Medical Association? Its new name is Today's Health and here's a note from the June issue about Family Fare, BHNHE's well-known cookbook. Says Anna May Wilson, food editor:

"This book should be in the kitchen of all 33,000,000 of us American housewives. ...It will be some time before I've sampled all 152 of the recipes, but the ones I have tried are excellent. They are quite as exciting as those illustrated by beautiful color photographs in the slick magazines...."

THE BUREAU IN COLOR

The Bureau is being represented--in color--as two groups of pretty influential people gather here this autumn. They're the American Dietetics Association (see page 1) here Oct. 16-20 and the District of Columbia Medical Association Oct. 2-4. Our exhibit for the ADA will be at the National Guard Armory and for the Medical Association was at the Hotel Statler.

It is the same exhibit both times--featuring Family Fare. Highlight, say visual section artists who made the exhibit, are lighted-from-behind color photographs of Bureau people at work in food and nutrition laboratories and in family economics and editorial offices.

The booths are being "manned" at different times by Emily Davis, Kay Burdette, Polly Harlan, Elma Van Horn, Roberta Clark, and Lynn Myers.

HOBBIES IN REVIEW

Whether you have to be a family economist in order to have a hobby we're not sure but the hobby exhibitors from the Bureau in the USDA hobby show Oct. 12-13 represented solely the family economics division. Viola A. Von Langen was chairman for the Bureau. Exhibitors include James Briggs, Irene Deadmon, Lucille Dean, Margaret Murray, Lillian Page, Rebecca Pecot, Esther Phipard, and Gladys Rovillo, all of family economics. Prizes went to Mrs. Phipard and Mrs. Page for their flower exhibits.

VISITING HOLLANDER

Seems as if the Dutch have government agencies too. So we gather from Miss Theodora van Schaik's official position in the Netherlands--leader of the technical staff of the Food Education Bureau of the Nutrition Board of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture at the Hague. Miss van Schaik, a scholarship student of the American Home Economics Association, was a visitor at Beltsville recently.

SPARKLING BULLETIN

A homey subject gets bright and shining treatment in the Bureau's newest publication, Pots and Pans in Your Kitchen. Pictures of glistening pots and pans gleam from the pages and there's natural lustre in any topic so near to the heart of homemakers.

Pots and Pans is primarily a buying guide. There's excellent guidance in points about materials, shape, handles, lids and the like. You're reminded about the advantages of transparency in glass, the lightweight durability of aluminum, and the "easy-to-cleaness" of enameled ware. And all the pots and pans get a thorough discussion--from sauce pans and fry pans to coffee makers and pressure cookers.

Especially handy for brides and new homemakers is the list of utensils and kitchen tools which make up basic and more desirable sets. It's a list many a bride would tuck under her arm on a shopping trip.

There are good points too on taking care of utensils once they're bought. Cleaning--a major item--is covered for the various materials used in pots and pans.

Elizabeth Beveridge wrote the bulletin, Kay Burdette did the lay-out and artwork, and Albert Candido handled the photography.

NEW IN RAINWEAR

Anyone who's ever near-ruined a hat, garment or pair of shoes in a downpour of rain has proper respect for a raincoat. But a raincoat may win only disregard if it doesn't measure up in some other respects in addition to warding off water--such respects as convenience, comfort, safety, and economy.

Two new rainwraps that fill the bill on all these scores are the zip-sleeve raincoat for women and slip-on poncho for children designed by Clarice Scott and Shirley Johnstone. Both garments,

roomy and lightweight, slip easily over summer or winter clothes. Although there's plenty of ventilation they fasten securely against the weather. Attached hoods are cut back closely at the sides for free vision.

The poncho design is really Indian-inspired. But the Indians in question are the Incas of South America and Inca descendants still wear ponchos.

The child's poncho, hanging loosely as it does, is ideal for carrying school books in young hands. The woman's coat too is designed for package carrying with its roomy capelike sleeves.

BETTER HOUSEDRESSES

Before Mary Whitlock left the Bureau staff just recently she liked to show visitors some of the defective house dresses which she had on hand in the clothing and textile lab. After you'd looked at a few unevenly-placed buttonholes with stitching all too ready to unravel, weak stitching in the armhole seams, and crooked revers--you promised yourself to look more closely next time you bought a house dress.

Examination of these dresses was just a part of the Bureau's research to back up a project of the American Home Economics Association, setting up specifications for house dresses to guide the clothing industry. Bureau research also enabled AHEA to cite exact techniques for making durable buttonholes, pocket corners, and seams.

Also basis of the specifications was the opinions of women throughout the country--15,000 who participated in an AHEA "Consumer Speaks" project.

At the Boston AHEA meeting this summer, some model housedresses made just to fit AHEA's specifications were on parade. And Miss Whitlock was on hand to describe the project. The dresses were also exhibited on local DC television Oct. 17 with Berta Friend of family economics as one of the models.

TALKING TURKEY

When USDA last spring distributed turkey for the first time to schools throughout the country, there were some specially merry eyes among the youngsters at school lunch counters. For some of these boys and girls were having turkey for the first time in their lives. And others said they'd never tasted turkey before except on a holiday. In some schools, turkey on the menu doubled the number of student diners at lunchtime.

Storage problems and the difficulty of getting whole turkeys drawn and prepared for cooking under school lunch conditions made USDA folks hesitate some time before deciding on distribution of turkeys to schools. But it seems last spring's program was pretty successful and the birds are being made available to schools again this fall--6 million pounds of them.

In time for this fall's distribution, the Bureau and FFA had a handy new publication ready for schools. It's called "School Lunch Recipes using Turkey" and Bureauites who put time in on the bulletin were Margaret Dreisbach, Vera Brastow, Adel Seed, and Elma Van Horn. In processed form, 10,000 copies were rushed through by mid-September with more printed copies due soon after.

POPULARITY FOR PICKLES

BRNHE's bulletin on how to make pickles and relish was a much-sought-after piece this summer when it was offered on National Farm and Home Hour's coast-to-coast NBC broadcast. The offer was part of a five-minute pickle discussion between Zelta Rodenwold and Tom Noone of the Office of Information. Requests totaled 4,550. And they came from all 48 States and the District of Columbia.

We've wound up our Bureau series of four Farm and Home Hour broadcasts scheduled during the summer months. Mrs. Rodenwold voiced three of them on food topics and Margaret Smith handled the other one on clothing.

IS THIS THE YEAR?

It isn't anything to be proud of but fact is that the Bureau has never achieved its goal for the Community Chest. Miss O'Brien, the Bureau's CC chairman this year, confided this information the other day and added her hopes that perhaps this would be the year.

Sub-chairmen for the Chest are Virginia Wright, chief's office and administrative; Lillian Fincher and Viola Von Langen, family economics; Genevieve Cruger, information; Chris Aylor, Donald Dohm, Virginia Breen, Eileen Hensel, Mary J. Langley, and Edna Gower, food and nutrition; Lucile Pywell and Mildred Latlief, textiles and clothing; and Lorene Pieri and Marguerite Simmons, housing.

By the way, individual quotas for Community Chest are based on your income tax deduction--which of course takes family obligations into consideration.

BREVITIES

...We can expect an increased number of foreign visitors in the coming year as program for bringing technical people from other lands is stepped up.

...The Land-Grant College Association meets here Nov. 12-18.

...All leave of government employees earned during calendar year of 1950 must be taken by June 30, 1951, according to new legislation.

...The Bureau's annual report to the Secretary of Agriculture for the year ending June 30, 1950, has been completed and submitted for printing.

...A Russian girl, bride of an American, told a D. C. audience recently that what Voice of America programs beamed to the Soviets needed was more homemaker programs.

...Tickets to the USDA symphony orchestra programs are a good music buy. They're three concerts for \$1.00.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES BACK

Two new members of the textiles and clothing staff are Elizabeth Meyer, clerk-typist, and Jeanne Webster, scientific aide.

Shirlie Lusby is the new clerk-typist in housing and household equipment.

Two new staff members in the downtown offices are Mamie Brown, Office of the Chief, and Jean LaPierre, information.

Three former employees have returned to the Bureau. Barbara McMahon, chemist, is now with clothing although she was formerly with food and nutrition. Florance Davis, scientific aide, has returned to the clothing staff. Also returned is Helen Z. Geesey whom you'll remember as Helen Zoelner, Dr. Coons' secretary.

HORIZONS--A LITTLE BROADER

Vacation time--on a major scale--is all but over for most Bureauites. A few lucky ones got a look-see at the romance and history of far-off places.

To France, Italy, and Switzerland went Kay Burdette of the information visual from mid-August to mid-September. The unit's head, Pel Schultz, took over from there leaving mid-September for England, France, and Switzerland. She'll be back about October 25.

Elizabeth Davenport, family economics statistician, visited relatives in England during September. And Lois Heatley of clothing and textiles had a flying trip to Bermuda in August.

Following Kay Cronister's stop in Texas for the editors' meeting, she took her vacation south of the border--in Mexico. She was back October 1.

Canada and Nova Scotia including the famed Gaspé Peninsula were vacation points in late July and August for Millicent Hathaway of food and nutrition and Martha Hensley of textiles and clothing; also for Margaret Brew of family economics. Mollie Orshansky, family economics visited Nova Scotia.

WHOM WOULD YOU HONOR?

Did you know that any employee of the Bureau can nominate any other employee for an honor award--the ones presented each spring in ceremonies on the Washington Monument grounds? Or any group of employees can get together and make the nomination. If there's a staff member whose devotion, initiative, industry, and intelligence demands recognition it's time to get the wheels in motion for nomination.

This year's nominations must be in by Dec. 31 and it takes some time and though to prepare the nomination. Watch for the full instructions on how to do it.

Our own staff members who have been so honored--D. Breese Jones, Irene Deadmon, Clarice Scott, and Lucy Alexander.

BLANCHARD IN EXTENSION NUTRITION

Extension, one of the principal agents for carrying BHNHE's findings to homemakers, has a new nutrition specialist on the Washington staff. She's Dr. Evelyn L. Blanchard, formerly extension nutrition specialist in New Mexico.

Dr. Blanchard has degrees from Iowa State and the 'U' of Arizona and has been on the home economics staff at the 'U' of California. She was also head of the Department of Nutrition Research and Experimental Kitchen for the Golden State dairy company in San Francisco.

VETERANS--NOTE THIS DATE

If you are a veteran and eligible for education or training under the GI bill, take down the date of July 25, 1951, says Ida McAuliffe of personnel.

After this date it's too late to begin an educational course under GI benefits. It's too late, that is, unless your date of discharge was later than July 25, 1947. You're also an exception if you are enlisted under the Voluntary Recruitment Act of Oct. 6, 1945. Unless you're one of these exceptions, education under the GI bill cannot continue after July 25, 1956.

WHITHER AND WHY

Mildred Adams--to Urbana, Ill., and Chicago Sept. 2-15. In Urbana for committee meeting on energy requirements and in windy city for American Chemical Society meeting.

Kay Cronister--to Hunt, Tex., Sept. 6-9 for meeting of Agricultural College Editors Association.

Emily Davis--to Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 8-10 to discuss "The Home Economist in Television" before the North Carolina Dietetic Association.

Margaret Dreisbach--to Kansas City Nov. 6-10 for meeting of School Food Service Association.

Hazel Fletcher--to meeting of American Society of Testing Materials in New York City October 18-22.

Verz Goddard--July 18 - Aug. 11 to Arizona, California, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Georgia. In Flagstaff, Arizona, she attended Extension nutrition conference and conferred on RMA contract work in other States.

Half dozen State College engineers--to Beltsville week of Oct. 23 for working conference on RMA farm home freezer project with some of ag engineers and Bureau housing people--McCracken, Davis, James, Ross, and Thyne.

Helen Holbrook--to Chicago Oct. 16-20 for National Safety Council Congress.

Earl McCracken--to Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 3-5 for meeting of American Gas Association.

Minnie Belle McIntosh--to Berkeley, Calif., for several months where she has been loaned by Bureau of supervise collection of schedules for 'U' of California's study of household uses of dairy products.

Day Monroe of Topeka, Kan. -- to Washington, D. C., Sept. 18 for about three weeks to work on Bureau's portion of

Department report on technological advances in agriculture and home economics.

Bess Morrison--to Pullman, Wash.; Ames, Iowa; and Manhattan, Kan.; Oct. 6-20 to consult on cooperative RMA research by the Bureau and State colleges.

Elsa Orent-Keiles and Verz Goddard--to Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 12-15 to attend symposium on biological significance of lipids at University of Rochester.

Esther Phipard--to Asheville, N. C., Oct. 3-9 for working conference on RMA southern region dietary project--a study of family diets in southern farm areas; to St. Louis Oct. 30 for address on milk consumption before annual meeting of Public Health Association.

Zelta Rodenwold--to Concord, N. H., Oct. 18-20 to address meeting of New Hampshire State Home Economics Association on work of BHNHE.

Gertrude Weiss--to Petersham, Mass., Sept. 10-15 to serve as consultant at Northeastern States Work Conference on Public Policy Problems conducted jointly by Extension Service and Farm Foundation.

Avis Woolrich--to Pullman, Wash., Aug. 26-Sept. 4 for meeting of RMA western housing technical committee.

TREK TO BRAZIL

"The Brazilians are wonderful hosts," says Margaret Goldsmith, textiles and clothing, "just back from the Fifth International Congress for Microbiology at Rio de Janeiro in August. They know how to mix science and entertainment nicely."

An official delegate of the Society of American Bacteriologists, Dr. Goldsmith gave a talk at this gathering of 600 scientists from 37 countries.

Coming and going to Rio, Dr. Goldsmith took leave to see a bit more of the Latin American world--Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, and Venezuela.